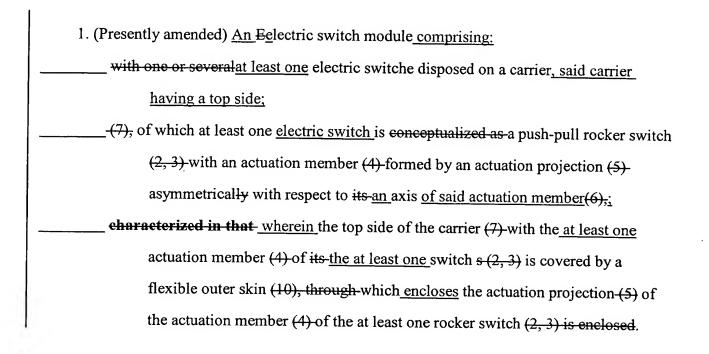
In the Claims:

Before Examination on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:



- 2. (Presently amended) <u>The electric Ss</u>witch module as claimed in claim 1, <u>characterized in that wherein an the underside</u> of the outer skin (10) rests intimately on the top side of the carrier-(7).
- 3. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein the a margin of the outer skin is connected with the carrier through an adhesion foam.
- 4. (Presently amended) <u>The electric Sswitch module as claimed in one of claims 1 toor 32</u>, <u>characterized in that wherein</u> the outer skin <u>further</u> comprises downwardly projecting positioning nobs <u>and/or positioning beads</u>, which engage grooves of the carrier and/or gaps provided between the carrier and the switches disposed therein.

- 5. (Presently amended) <u>The electric Sswitch module as claimed in one of claims 1 to or [4]2</u>, <u>characterized in thatwherein associated</u> with the at least one rocker switch (2, 3) is associated an actuation protection (9) located beneath the outer skin (10), which <u>functions to prevents</u> an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member (4) to move it into <u>its a pull position</u>.
- 6. (Presently amended) The electric Sswitch module as claimed in one of claims 1 toor -5 2, characterized in that wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin with the a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor vehicle.
- 7. (Presently amended) <u>The electric Ss</u>witch module as claimed in one of claims 1 to <u>or 62</u>, <u>characterized in that wherein</u> the outer skin (10) is comprised of <u>a material selected from a group consisting of polyurethane or and silicone</u>.
- 8. (Presently amended) Switch module as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the outside surface of the outer skin (10) is embossed to create a surface pattern.
- 9. (New) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein the outer skin further comprises downwardly projecting positioning nobs which engage grooves of the carrier and/or gaps provided between the carrier and the switches disposed therein.
- 10. (New) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a pull position.

- 11. (New) The electric switch module as claimed claim 4, wherein associated with the at least one rocker switch is an actuation protection located beneath the outer skin which functions to prevent an unintentional push actuation on the actuation member to move it into a pull position.
- 12. (new) The electric switch module as claimed claim 3, wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin with a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor vehicle.
- 13. (new) The electric switch module as claimed claim 4, wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin with a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor vehicle.
- 14. (new) The electric switch module as claimed claim 5, wherein the outer skin has a connection flange for connecting the outer skin with a skin of an adjacent trim paneling, for example the outer skin of an arm rest of a motor vehicle.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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